

The Crafty MAGPIE

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SPRINGTIME IS CAUSING SOME ISSUES FOR CLAIRE... THE MAGPIES ARE GIVING HER QUITE A SCARE!

Claire needs to get hay to her horse, but a quick and crafty bird keeps blocking her course.

Can Claire devise a plan that outwits and out crafts The Crafty Magpie?

"This new author has created a fun little book we all can relate to and have had an event with a crafty magpie at one time or another... Well done, Kaitlyn, keep writing these great kid tales!" Jenny, Indie Book reviewer

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AUTHOR BIO

Kaitlyn is a young author from Albury. She finds inspiration for her books on her family farm and funny life experiences! Kaitlyn is very excited to share her first book with her readers and hopes they continue to follow as she continues to write.

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A CONVERSATION WITH THE AUTHOR

WHY DID YOU WRITE 'THE CRAFTY MAGPIE'? WHAT WERE YOUR INSPIRATIONS?

I wrote this book after being repeatedly swooped by resident magpies at my house. Although the experience wasn't very humorous for myself at the time, somehow, I felt the need to write some things down. After an hour or so, I had finished the basic write up.

The magpies swooping became a family joke, and my parents and sisters would often laugh when I would walk ten metres outside and the magpies would swoop me.

WHEN DID YOU FIRST REALISE YOU WANTED TO BE A WRITER?

I have always enjoyed writing short stories and loved to read picture books, even as an adult. I do not think there was ever a definitive time, it has just always been something that I have been interested in doing. Towards the end of 2020 I decided that I had to submit one of my drafts to a publishing agency/house before 2021 and I was lucky enough to hear back from Brad at Shawline Publishing.

WHAT DO YOU THINK MAKES A GOOD STORY?

I guess it depends on what the story is about, or what the aim of the story is. I think for picture books, the relationship between illustration and the written text needs to be strong because they both work together to achieve the aims of the book itself.

WHAT WOULD YOU SAY IS YOUR INTERESTING WRITING QUIRK?

The stories I have written, and my first book being published, are inspired by true events. These true events usually happen on my family's farm, or the characters are animals from our farm.

WHO INSPIRES YOU?

There are a variety of people that inspire in my life, but I would have to say my parents inspire me the most due to their attitude to all things and life.

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